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MEMORANDUM:

In re: NAZI PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

The following information pertaining to Nazi propaganda activities was submitted by M-23 and reported by M-30:

The rumor is presently circulating that there will soon be a war between Brazil and Argentina, and that in the event of war between these two countries, the United States will not be able to aid Uruguay. This rumor appears to have originated in the German Embassy in Buenos Aires. Already various Nazis in Buenos Aires have written to Germans in Uruguay advising of the imminence of this war; for letters were received by three persons in Rincón del Bonete, two employees in the Proclaimed List firm Eugenio Barth & Compañía, Sucesores, and three employees in the Proclaimed List firm of Compañía General de Obras Públicas, S. A.

In Montevideo a further rumor is being circulated to the effect that the British Legation has offered to remove Finsterwald and Schaich, and Eugenio Barth & Compañía, Sucesores, from the black list if those two companies will pay a contribution of 100,000 pesos each. Both these firms also appear on the American black list. This rumor is principally circulated among the employees of German firms.

M-23 further reported that the importation of Nazi propaganda is again being permitted in Paraguay. The propaganda originates in Argentina. Further it appears, as M-23 reported, that the Nazis in Paraguay are not now being molested. As an example he cites the fact that HERBERT FUHRMANN, who was previously a reporter on the staff of the "Deutsche Wacht," a German propaganda newspaper, has a position at the present time as a teacher in the Nazi school in Asunción, PARAGUAY. Further, M-23 stated, the Jews in Paraguay are sending their children to the Nazi school, in spite of the fact that Hitleristic and anti-Semitic propaganda is promulgated in the school. However, it should be noted that this information concerning the freedom of movement of the Nazis in Paraguay, submitted by M-23, is apparently in part contradicted by recent information received from M-1.

M-1 advised that the Nazis in Asunción, Paraguay, have sent their files and documents to Buenos Aires and to Montevideo by train. He reported the Nazis have destroyed all suspicious and dangerous documents. M-1 further advised that although Uruguay took an active part in the Rio Conference, the Nazis still regard it as part of their South American plans. The contact men for the Nazis in Asunción, as reported by M-1, are JORG FISCHER, JUAN ZINNERT, and FRANZ LUETTIGENS.

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